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19 April 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 18 April 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Hollister,
Mr. Sprague, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Gray, Mr. Staats

1. NSC

Mr. Cutler briefed the Board on NSC activities.

2. IVAG

After a discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee's report on the subject of a Volunteer Air Group it was decided that the matter would not be further considered by the Board. In view of the Air Force's known hostility to the plan, an apparent lack of interest on the part of State and Mr. Cutler and the DCI's own reservations as to the feasibility of a plan which includes the use of first line combat equipment and personnel as volunteers, the DCI did not press for a continued review of the plan by the Air Force.

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3. Philippines

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4. Magsaysay Memorial

There was some feeling that the proposed Magsaysay Memorial in the form of a cultural hall was too expensive and consideration should be given to a less expensive memorial. A statue was mentioned, but the DCI, among others, felt that a statue was not appropriate and something more imaginative might be better. Mr. Murphy suggested that the US strike a new postage stamp with Magsaysay's image. This met with unanimous approval. Other suggestions were for a park in Manila or perhaps a memorial highway. In connection with the latter, the possibility of naming the new highway between Subic Bay and Clark Field the Magsaysay Memorial Highway was mentioned. (It should be noted that this is a military highway and its route is entirely through unpopulated areas.) DCI suggested that it would be worthwhile to go ahead with the establishment of a fund for a memorial and to begin discussions with the Filipinos even though the exact nature of the memorial is not yet agreed. An appropriation from the Congress in the amount of \$500,000 was mentioned which would be an open-end appropriation and which would permit additional funds to be solicited from the public.

5. Restriction of Western Diplomats and the Press to Moscow

The DCI called attention to a teletype item stating that the Soviet authorities have temporarily suspended permission for foreign diplomats and correspondents to travel outside of Moscow.

6. Disarmament

There was a general discussion concerning the Russian Peace Program. Mr. Stassen has reported from London that the Soviets appear sincere in wanting to do something and that a modest beginning of disarmament might now be achieved. Mr. Abbott Washburn of USIA requested some guidance as to how this turn of events is to be played by his agency. The DCI speculated on the possibility that this may be a move on the part of the Soviets to ease their difficulties at home, e. g. economic problems, or to

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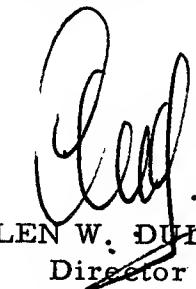
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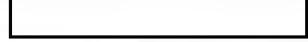
dim the memory of Hungary, etc., and that we should certainly wait for some tangible evidence of the Soviets' intention to really cooperate in any disarmament plan.


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